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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN FMS PAYMENTS

REF: AMMAN 1762

1. IN ABSENCE OF PAYMENT OF FY 1976 OVERDUE ACCOUNT FOR
JORDAN, DOD ON FEB 21 PAID THE DOLS 9,166,600 IN ARREARS.
DOD WAS LEFT WITH VIRTUALLY NO CHOICE, SINCE FFB COULD HAVE
INSISTED OTHERWISE ON A REVISED AND ACCELERATED REPAYMENTS
SCHEDULE, WHICH COULD HAVE COMPLICATED STILL FURTHER THIS
EVERLASTING ISSUE.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FFB TODAY, FEB 23, RECEIVED THE
DOLS 9,000,000 MENTIONED REFTTEL. WHEN THE USG HAS
RECEIVED FROM JORDAN OR SAUDI ARABIA THE REMAINING DOLS
166,600 OF PRINCIPAL DUE, JORDANIAN FY 76 ACCOUNT WILL BE
CURRENT. TREASURY WILL DETERMINE TOMORROW IF LATE CHARGES
(DOLS 2002.80 PER DAY FROM NOV 28 TO FEB 24 ON DOLS

9,166,600 AND A LESSER, YET UNDETERMINED, DAILY CHARGE ON DOLS 166,600 FROM FEB 24 UNTIL PAID) MUST BE PAID IMMEDIATELY OR WILL BE BILLED ON NEXT INSTALLMENT DUE ON FY 76 FMS (MAY 26, 1978).

3. DOD/DSAA HAS AGREED TO HOLD UP FOR A SHORT RPT SHORT TIME A MESSAGE TO THE SAUDIS REMINDING THEM THAT, AS GUARANTOR, THE REMAINING DOLS 166,600 SHOULD BE PAID. THIS IS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT EMBASSY AMMAN WILL PRESS THE JORDANIANS TO COME UP WITH THIS MONEY AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. OBVIOUSLY, ANOTHER DUNNING MESSAGE TO THE SAUDIS WOULD NOT MAKE THE SAUDIS FEEL ANY MORE KINDLY DISPOSED TO THE JORDANIANS; AND WE ALSO WOULD PREFER TO AVOID INCURRING ANY MORE SAUDI RESENTMENT DIRECTED AT US.

4. ASIDE FROM ALL THE OTHER REASONS COMPELLING PROMPT JORDANIAN ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER, TREASURY MAY BE IN THE MIDST OF TAKING STEPS TO STOP ALL DISBURSEMENTS ON THIS AND ALL OTHER LOANS EXTENDED TO JORDAN. AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, THE LONGER THIS UNRESOLVED MATTER FESTERS IN WASHINGTON, THE MORE LIKELY WE WILL FACE PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO FUTURE FMS LOANS. VANCE

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